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Warned FBI of files when firm collapsed

Kindschi mum about friend's resume

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One of the people applying for work at Bishop Baldwin Rewald Dillingham & Wong days before it collapsed once held one of the most important jobs in the Central Intelligence Agency — station chief for the agency in Moscow.

The British Broadcasting Corp. presented a television program in which portions of the man's resume were flashed on the screen as evidence of Ronald Rewald's claim that the CIA ran the company.

The resume, showing a series of highly responsible positions in the agency, is one of the



a spy's-eye view of ron rewald

pieces of paper from Bishop Baldwin files that have been sealed by a federal judge at the request of the CIA.

Officials report that the man said he was retired from the CIA. And they say he became interested in Bishop Baldwin through his old friend, John C. "Jack" Kindschi, the former Honolulu CIA station chief who had become close friends with Rewald.

Kindschi refuses to comment at all about the man, but officials close to the case say the man's resume was hand-delivered to Rewald by Kindschi, just days before Bishop Baldwin collapsed.

Close friends say the man was interested in working for Bishop Baldwin as a consultant, a job like that held by Kindschi. Rewald called him and they discussed the possibility of the

man coming to work for Bishop Baldwin in autumn.

When Bishop Baldwin collapsed a few days later, Kindschi, worried about embarrassing his Mainland friend and the agency, called the FBI and warned it that the files might contain the man's resume.

Another old friend of Kindschi's actually became a Bishop Baldwin consultant in Sweden, where Kindschi had once worked as a covert CIA agent. He is Charles Conner, a businessman whom Kindschi said he knew socially during his time in Stockholm.

Sources say Rewald has claimed that Conner was a CIA agent.

It is true that in his dealings through Conner, Kindschi had

to go "undercover" again, in a sense, and that Kindschi's name was removed from all Bishop Baldwin brochures sent to Sweden. That was because Kindschi's previous role as a CIA agent in Stockholm had received wide publicity there, Kindschi said.

Kindschi's dealings with Conner raise a question about Kindschi's credibility — or gullibility.

Conner repeatedly questioned Kindschi in letters about Bishop Baldwin's claim that its investors' accounts were insured to \$150,000 by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corp.

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